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Report from Kobe—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—Decrease of cholera at Kobe—Cholera and plague at Osaka—Method of emigrant inspection and detention at Ono.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ransom reports, October 8:

Week ended October 5. One original and 3 supplemental bills of health were granted to 4 steamships with an aggregate personnel of 478, and there were inspected 4 vessels, 313 crew and 110 steerage passengers. One vessel was fumigated to kill rats, and 26 crew were bathed and their effects disinfected by steam. No emigration examinations were made during the week.

The cholera epidemic in Kobe continues its downward tendency, there having been during the week just ended 74 cases of that disease with 21 deaths, as compared with 103 cases and 31 deaths during the previous week.

During the week ended September 28 there were reported in Osaka 7 cases and 7 deaths from plague and 63 cases and 46 deaths from cholera.

The disinfecting plant at Ono, where the work for the Service at this port is done, has been converted into a quarantine station in accordance with my plans and suggestions. Suitable barracks, kitchen, and eating houses have been erected, where all steerage passengers intending to sail by vessels bound to the United States, etc., are accommodated in groups of 20 to each room, and held under observation for 5 days prior to embarkation.

These people are first examined by me for trachoma, favus, etc., and those passed are bathed and all of their effects disinfected by steam. The baggage is then stored in a clean room under lock and key, and the emigrants themselves are admitted to the barracks. No further contact is allowed between them and the outside prior to being placed on board. The period of observation begins after the disinfection and admission to barracks, and a daily inspection of the entire place and personnel is made by me at various hours. The barracks are thoroughly cleaned and disinfected between each set of occupants.

Report from Nagasaki—Emigrants recommended for rejection.

Sanitary Inspector Bowie reports:

October 4. Number of emigrants per steamship *Asia* recommended for rejection, 31.

MEXICO.

Report from Progreso—Sanitary conditions good—Inspection and fumigation of vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Harrison reports, October 19:

Week ended October 19. No quarantinable disease has appeared, and the general sanitary conditions are good. During the week 4 steamships cleared for the United States, with 64 passengers from this port and 197 persons in the crews. Of these, 2 sailing for Gulf ports were fumigated.